

## NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



December 2, 2009

Subject: Wildlife Import/Export Inspection Fees for 2010

**Background:** On December 9, 2008, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published a <u>final rule</u> in the Federal Register that set import/export inspection fees for the period 2009-2012. The fee schedule established by that rule provides yearly increases for fees paid by wildlife importers and exporters.

Groups affected by the 2010 fee adjustment include commercial importers/exporters; noncommercial importers/exporters using non-designated ports; anyone importing or exporting live wildlife and/or protected species; and those requiring overtime services. (Protected species are defined as any species requiring a permit under 50 CFR Parts 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22 or 23.)

**Action:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will implement new inspection fees on January 1, 2010 (see table below). Fees will increase again the following year and in 2012.

Inspection Fee	<u>2010 Cost</u>
Designated port base inspection fee	\$89
Staffed nondesignated port base inspection fee	\$139
Nonstaffed nondesignated port base inspection fee	\$139
Premium inspection fee for protected species at any port (species requiring a Federal permit)	\$56
Premium inspection fee for live wildlife at any port (including live viable eggs and live pupae)	\$56
Overtime inspection fee for inspections beginning less than 1 hour before normal work hours	\$51
Overtime inspection fee for inspections after normal work hours, including Saturday and Sunday	\$101 minimum for 2 hours plus \$51 for each additional hour
Overtime inspection fee for inspections on Federal holidays	\$133 minimum for 2 hours plus \$67 for each additional hour

Additional information may be found on our website under the heading "2010 Inspection Fees."

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